

INSPECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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> November 1, 2019 Ref: DODOIG-2019-000706

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 73626-72900635@requests.muckrock.com

Emma Best MuckRock News 411A Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Emma Best:

This responds to your enclosed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which you submitted to our office via FOIAOnline. We received your request on May 22, 2019, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2019-000706.

The Mission Support Team conducted a search of the record systems (paper files, electronic files, databases, and indices) maintained by the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) and located no records responsive to your request. Additionally, the FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office also searched its various records systems and could not locate records responsive to your request. Please note that in accordance with the DoD OIG records retention and deposition schedules, FOIA files (control files, administrative files, and appeal files) potentially responsive to your request have been destroyed.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, please log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. FOIAonline will populate your request and contact information automatically. In the "Basis for Appeal" box, provide your explanation, attach supporting document (if necessary), click on preview, and then click on submit. Your appeal will automatically be sent to our office via FOIAonline. For more information on appellate matters and procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at <u>FOIAPublicLiaison@dodig.mil</u> or by calling (703) 604-9785, for any further assistance with your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at <u>ogis@nara.gov</u>; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

Searle Slutzkin Division Chief

FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s): As stated

Phase: Evaluation Status: Initial Evaluation

Due Date: N/A **Clock Days:** 0 (Never Started)

Requester Information

Requester

Organization

Requester Has Account Email Address

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MΑ 02144 **Tracking Number Submitted Date**

Received Date Perfected Date

Last Assigned Date Assigned To

Last Assigned By Request Track

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Inspector General

Simple \$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the

Public? **Request Track**

Fee Category Fee Waiver Requested Fee Waiver Status

Expedited Processing Requested No **Expedited Processing Status**

No

Simple N/A Yes

Pending

Request Type Request Perfected Perfected Date

Acknowledgement Sent Date Unusual Circumstances

Litigation

Court Docket Number 5 Day Notifications?

FOIA

No

No No

No

Description

Long Description
Has Description Been Modified?
Long Description Modified

Please See attachment for description

Yes

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: *Documents generated as part of the creation of the FOIA office (defined as whatever department, office, or coordinator is responsible for overseeing and/or processing FOIA requests), whether this was at the time of the agency's creation or the passage of the Freedom of Information Act, to include: 1. The instruction to do so from the Agency, as well as any guidance from the senior leadership 2. Documents discussing proposals and procedures 3. Any legal guidance or analysis produced or acquired by the Agency in response to or as part of the creation of the FOIA office 4. Internal documents from the press office, legislative liaison's office (or equivalent), general counsel's office (or equivalent), director's office (or equivalent) or the newly created FOIA office, reacting to or characterizing the office and it's creation * A copy of the agency's first perfected (successful) FOIA request * Copies of other FOIA requests filed before the FOIA request described above * Processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA requests described above * The first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA requests * A copy of the agency's first successful FOIA appeal * Copies of other FOIA appeals received by the agency before the appeal described above * Processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA appeals described above * The first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA appeals

Description Available to the Public?
Short Description

No

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested

N/A

Report Number

N/A

Report Name

N/A

Case #

Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info

Cross Reference Case(s)

N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public? No

Attached File Name Size (MB) File Type